Municipal Solid Waste Energy Projects

*26. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken any steps to set up 'Municipal Solid Waste Energy Projects" in urban areas of our country in order to reduce environmental pollution and to generate additional energy;

(b) if so, the total financial allocations for this project, State-wise;

(c) whether Government's target has been achieved, so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the total power being generated through this scheme annually?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. As informed by the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, a programme of energy recovery from Municipal Solid Waste including urban wastes is being implemented by that Ministry.

(b) Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has intimated that there is a financial allocation of Rs. 8.00 crore for this programme for the year 2005-2006. However, no state-wise allocation has been made.

(c) Against the targeted generation of 40 MW during 10th Plan period, 7 projects with an aggregate capacity of about 20 MW have been installed so far.

(d) Details of projects for energy recovery from urban wastes are given in the Statement. (See below) About 74 million units of power are generated from these projects annually.

Statement

Projects for Energy recovery from Municipal Solid Waste and Urban Wastes

A. PROJECTS BASED ON MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTES

i) 6.6 MW project based on production of Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) obtained from Municipal Solid Waste at Hyderabad-Working satisfactorily.

ii) 6 MW project based on production of Refuse Derived Fuel obtained from Municipal solid Waste at Vijayawada-Working Satisfactorily.

iii) 5 MW project based on production of biogas obtained from Municipal solid Waste at Lucknow-Plant shut down due to operational problems.

B. PROJECTS BASED ON OTHER URBAN WASTES

i) 1 MW project based on biogas obtained from cattle dung at Haebowal, Ludhiana-Working Satisfactorily.

ii) 0.5 MW project base on biogas obtained from Sewage treatment plant at Surat Working Satisfactorily.

iii) 150 KW plant based on biogas obtained from vegetable wastes and wastes from slaughterhouse at Vijayawada-Working Satisfactorily.

iv) 300 KW based on biogas obtained from vegetable wastes at Chennai-Under commissioning.

Progress of Road Projects

*27. SHRI RAASHID ALVI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported that inspite of Prime Minister's thrust on infrastructure, road projects in the country are not progressing well;

(b) if so, whether progress report on all major highways upgrade plans are marked red, with work either at a complete standstill or moving at snail's pace, way behind schedule;

(c) whether the biggest problem seems to be land acquisition, followed by contractural failures;

(d) if so, what are the other main reasons; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to remove these hurdles